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Subject: **April Monthly Financial and
Operations Report**

Attached is the Monthly Financial and Operations Report for the period ending April 30, 2004.

General Fund Revenues

Our revenue estimates for the General Fund increased by \$5 million this month. The main changes are as follows.

Property Tax - increased by \$1 million due to the improved collection of delinquent taxes.

Sales Tax - increased by \$4 million due to another impressive increase in the sales tax received in May. We received \$35.2 million, an increase from the same month last year of \$5.2 million, a 17.2% increase. While as in the past few months, much of the increase is due to audit collections and prior period collections, the percentage increase for current period revenues is 11.7%. (The current period is the total for the month of March for returns filed monthly and for the quarter ended March 31st for returns filed quarterly.) Recent economic indicators are good with purchasing manufacturers indexes improving, and both personal income and consumer spending up for April.

General Fund Expenditures

Total estimated expenditures are the same as last month, with departmental expenditures somewhat higher and general government expenditures somewhat lower, in part due to the recognition of the super bowl related expense being reflected in departmental spending rather than in general government.

General Appropriations Ordinance

The ordinance was adopted by City Council on May 5, 2004. The related budget adjustments will be reflected in the next monthly report.

Other Activity

In the past two weeks, we successfully sold two major bond issues, a public improvement bond refinancing and the first phase of the combined utility system financing, realizing combined present value savings of over \$84 million.

If you have any questions, please let me know.


Judy Gray Johnson, Director